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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6636

BILL NUMBER: HB 1171

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Accident Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Herrell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill increases the threshold apparent amount of damage to property caused by an accident for which a report must be filed to \$1,000 and makes corresponding changes to related statutes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: For the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) which compiles and reports on the number of accidents at the current threshold of \$750, there will be a reduction in related expenditures. On average over the last three years, approximately 40,000 such reports were filed. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

In addition, with the higher threshold level, this proposal may reduce the number of investigations conducted and reports filed by the State Police and local law enforcement officers.

Explanation of State Revenues: A higher property damage threshold may reduce the amount of fee and fine revenue from the enforcement of the provisions on traffic regulation and proof of financial responsibility.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: With the higher threshold level, this proposal may reduce the number of investigations conducted and reports filed by local law enforcement officers.

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of State Revenues*.

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Citations and Suspensions Reports for the last three years.

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